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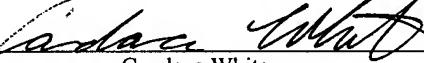
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003 in the above-identified U.S. patent application, Applicant hereby amends the claims as set out in **Section I** (Amendments to the Claims) below: